Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

Price Cap Performance Review
for Local Exchange Carriers

Treatment of Operator Services
Under Price Cap Regulation

Revisions to Price Cap Rules
for AT&T

CC Docket No. 94-1

CC Docket No. 93-124

OPPOSITION OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Section 1.45 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission), hereby responds to the "Motion for Extension of Time" filed by the Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee (Ad Hoc) on October 31, 1995. Ad Hoc requests that the Commission extend by three months the dates for filing comments and reply comments in the Second FNPRM. Ad Hoc does not ask for any deferral of the dates in the Fourth NPRM, nor of the dates in the Third FNPRM.

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 $^{^1}$ 47 C.F.R. Section 1.45.

Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 94-1, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 94-1, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 93-124, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 93-197 (FCC 95-393) (released September 20, 1995) (Second FNPRM).

³ Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 94-1, Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, (FCC 55-406) (released September 27, 1995) (Fourth FNPRM).

⁴ Treatment of Video Dialtone Services Under Price Cap Regulation, CC Docket No. 94-1, Second Report and Order and Third (continued...)

SWBT opposes the Ad Hoc Motion. While the Commission has established an aggressive schedule for the above-referenced dockets, such a schedule is necessary to move on with the process of establishing much-needed pricing flexibility for price cap local exchange carriers (LECs), given the increase in competition. Any relief for the price cap LECs in this docket would likely be delayed by three months were the pleading cycle to be deferred for that time. Ad Hoc does not, nor can it, explain how the competitive injury to the price cap LECs due to outmoded pricing rules will be prevented during a lengthy three-month delay. Therefore, SWBT respectfully requests that the Ad Hoc Motion be denied.

SWBT does support, however, a limited extension of time requested by USTA in this docket separately today. A brief extension in both the Second FNPRM and the Fourth FNPRM, as requested by USTA, would permit more thorough responses to the numerous complex and interrelated issues presented in these parallel proceedings. The Commission should not grant any delay

^{4(...}continued)
Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, (FCC 95-394), (released September 21, 1995) (Third FNPRM).

⁵ Opposition to the Motion for Extension of Time of Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee and Motion for Extension of Time of the United States Telephone Association, filed November 8, 1995.

longer than that requested by USTA because of the compelling need to modernize the current regulatory paradigm to reflect the increasing presence of competition.

Respectfully submitted,

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